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Final remarks of the Danish Maritime Authority on the report concerning SHK's final report RS 2016:07 VICTORIA – Grounding at Fladen, Halland County on 19 September 2015

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The Danish Maritime Authority has received a report from the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority (SHK) concerning the grounding of the ship VICTORIA at Fladen on 19 September 2015 in the Kattegat and shall therefore provide the Danish Maritime Authority's final remarks in this case. The report includes a recommendation to evaluate the marking of route H between Langeland and Lolland in Danish waters.

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In this respect, the Danish Maritime Authority must remark that continuous evaluations are conducted of maritime traffic in Danish waters, including the evaluation of data concerning traffic density and incidents in these waters. In connection to this, a project is currently underway, in conjunction with the Swedish maritime authorities, to evaluate potential route initiatives in the Kattegat. In addition, analyses of maritime safety in the Øresund have previously been conducted in conjunction with the Swedish maritime authorities. A consequent initiative in the Øresund has been the establishment of a joint Danish-Swedish vessel traffic service (VTS) as an aid to shipping.

Until now, there have been no data concerning or reports of incidents around route H between Langeland and Lolland; however, the Danish Maritime Authority appreciates the information and will continue to evaluate the conditions for navigation in these waters in the future.

Best regards,

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